

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 3053

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2000

Mr. THOMAS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. TITLE.**

4       This act shall be known as the “Yellowstone and  
5       Teton Scenic Overflight Exclusion Act of 2000”.

6       **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF COMMERCIAL AIR TOUR OPER-**  
7                               **ATIONS OVER NATIONAL PARKS WITHIN THE**  
8                               **GREATER YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM.**

9       Section 40128(e) of title 49, United States Code, is  
10      amended—

1           (1) by striking “(e) LAKE MEAD.—” and in-  
2       serting the following: “(e) CERTAIN PARKS.—  
3           “(1) LAKE MEAD.—”; and  
4           (2) by adding at the end the following:  
5           “(2) YELLOWSTONE, GRAND TETON, ROCKE-  
6       FELLER PARKWAY.—Notwithstanding any other pro-  
7       vision of this Act, effective beginning on the date of  
8       enactment of this paragraph, no commercial air tour  
9       operation may be conducted in the airspace over Yel-  
10      lowstone National Park, Grand Teton National  
11      Park, or the John D. Rockefeller Memorial Park-  
12      way.”.

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